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In re Application of  
BUSCEMA, Paolo Massimo  
Application No.: 10/516,879  
PCT No.: PCT/EP03/02400  
Int. Filing Date: 10 March 2003  
Priority Date: 11 March 2002  
Docket No.: 008788-085  
For: METHOD FOR ENCODING ... MORE  
IMAGE PIXELS

DECISION  
ON PETITION UNDER  
37 CFR 1.137(b)

Applicants' "Renewed Petition Under 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b)," filed in the above-captioned application on 21 June 2005 is **GRANTED**.

Previously, applicants paid the national fee and petition fee. A terminal disclaimer was not required. However, applicants statement of unintentional delay was found deficient. Applicant's present statement that the delay in filing the petition was unintentional is construed to mean "the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional," as required by 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3). If this understanding is not correct, applicants must notify the Office immediately. Accordingly, all requirements under 37 CFR 1.137(b) have been satisfied.

A signed oath or declaration has not yet been submitted.

This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Branch of the Office of PCT Operations for continued processing in accordance with this decision, including the mailing of a Notification of Missing Requirements (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) indicating that an oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a)-(b) and the surcharge for late filing of the oath or declaration are required.

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